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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

The documents identified on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in an Office Action mailed May 10, 2006 in co-pending application Serial Number 09/773,6055 filed February 2,2001. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required. In accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

The Office Action was mailed on May 10, 2006, i.e., less than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and return them to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

A fee of \$180.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is attached. It is therefore believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but if additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

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